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TO AMEMBASSY SUVA

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2

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SUBJECT: INTELLIGENCE REPORTS ON THE NEW HEBRIDES

REF: SUVA 1492

1. AMBASSADOR SHOULD CATEGORICALLY DENY THAT AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE AGENTS HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN THE NEW HEBRIDES. APART FROM THE MISINFORMATION APPARENTLY CONTAINED IN THE FRENCH INTELLIGENCE REPORTS REFERRED TO BY M. DIJOURD, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT SOMEONE MAY BE POSING AS AN AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE AGENT.

2. SINCE WE DO NOT HAVE AN INDEPENDENT SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON THE NEW HEBRIDES, WE SHOULD REFRAIN FROM ENTERING INTO A DIALOGUE WITH FRENCH ON VANUA'AKU PARTY AND ITS LEADERSHIP. WE DO WISH TO BE KEPT INFORMED BY

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FRENCH AND BRITISH OBSERVERS OF NEW HEBRIDES DEVELOPMENTS, BUT ANY SPECULATION OR ATTEMPTS AT ASSESSMENT ON OUR PART WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY CREATE THE IMPRESSION THAT WE DO HAVE A SEPARATE SOURCE OF INTELLIGENCE.

3. RE PARA 3 REFTEL, WE WILL FORWARD TO EMBASSY ANY REPORTS MADE AVAILABLE TO US. TO DATE, NONE OF THE NEW HEBRIDES

VISITORS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT COUNTRY DESK OFFICER
FOR APPOINTMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT AMBASSADOR CONDON CONVEY GIST
OF PARA 1 TO FRENCH CHARGE IN SUVA, AND AMEMBASSY PARIS
INFORM SECRETARY DIJOURD OF SAME. CHRISTOPHER

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